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SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT REQUEST: DCM/ECON MINISTER

1. NORTHERN TRUST COMPANY OF CHICAGO, THAT CITY'S FOURTH LARGEST BANK, HAS ASKED DEPARTMENT'S ASSISTANCE IN ARRANGING A BRIEFING AND APPOINTMENT AT EMBASSY WITH DCM SHERMAN AND/OR MINISTER BUTTON FOR ITS CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD AND PRESIDENT, EDWARD BYRON SMITH. BANK ADDED THAT AN APPOINTMENT WITH AMBASSADOR MANSFIELD WOULD ALSO BE DESIRABLE, IF POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT INFORMED NORTHERN TRUST THAT EMBASSY WOULD BE HAPPY TO ASSIST AND THAT ECONOMIC MINISTER WAS IN BEST POSITION TO PROVIDE AN APPROPRIATE BRIEFING. WE ADDED THAT IT WAS NOT POSSIBLE FOR US TO GIVE DEFINITIVE REPLY FOR AMBASSADOR WHO USUALLY HAD RATHER FULL SCHEDEULE.

2. SMITH WILL BE TRAVELLING TO JAPAN, HONG KONG AND PRC ACCCOMPANIED BY HIS WIFE AND SENIOR VP OF BANK'S INTERNATIONAL DIVISION, CLYDE W. REIGHARD. NORTHERN SAYS JAPAN IS BY FAR ITS LARGEST OVERSEAS LENDING PORTFOLIO. SMITH WILL BE IN TOKYO JULY 5-8. BANK ASKED FOR APPOINTMENT ON UNCLASSIFIED

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FRIDAY, JULY 7 BEFORE 1130 OR AFTER 230 PM IN VIEW OF SCHEDULING AND OTHER TRAVEL. ENTIRE GROUP STAYING AT OKURA HOTEL.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF EMBASSY COULD ARRANGE FOR BRIEFING BY ECON MINISTER OR DCM ON DATE SHOWN. VANCE

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